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Federal Communications Commission
Commission Secretary, Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
445 12th Street SW
CY-B402
Washington, DC 20554
RE: Proceeding 03-16 (must include this number)

Dear FCC,

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for SBC's long distance approval in Michigan. I am fully in favor of reducing long distance phone bills to give Michigan consumers more choices in how they control their personal expenditures.

As a consumer, I prefer to include SBC in my options for long distance service. I do not feel that the choice for long distance service should be limited to current providers like AT&T, WorldCom and TDS Metrocom. It only makes common sense that SBC, a company that provides excellent service for many years, be included in the offering of long distance providers.

I've chosen SBC as my primary provider for local service for many years. When a company has proven its value to consumers by providing excellent service, there is no reason to look elsewhere. In addition to preferring one provider for my local and long distance service, I also feel that the whole state would benefit from SBC's entry into the long distance market by creating competitive pricing.

I look forward to SBC move to provide long distance service. Your efforts to make this happen are greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,